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TO AMEMBASSY KABUL IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: BENC, BAGB, AF

SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: AFGHAN SEED COMPANY PROJECT

REF: STATE 128648 AND PREVIOUS

CHECCHI AND COMPANY SENT COMMERCIAL CABLE TO EMBASSY,  
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, ASKING EMBASSY TO CALL ON MR. S. M.  
SHIRZAI, PRESIDENT OF AFGHAN SEEDS COMPANY BUT HAVE HEARD  
NO WORD, THEREFORE CHECCHI HAS REQUESTED MAJOR PROJECTS  
DIVISION USDOC TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING CABLE ON ITS BEHALF:  
QUOTE, MAURICE SAMAAN RETURNED FROM EUROPE ON JUNE 20,  
WANTS TO SERVE ASC AS PROJECT ADVISOR, AND WILLING TO  
ACCEPT LOWER SALARY. BUT SAMAAN HAS ANOTHER OFFER WHICH  
HE CANNOT DELAY ACTING ON. BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE LOSS OF  
SAMAAN, CHECCHI HAS AGREED TO LOWER OVERHEAD ALONG WITH  
SAMAAN SALARY REDUCTION TO REACH REVISED OFFER OF 250,000  
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DOLLARS.

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK HAS INQUIRED ABOUT STATUS OF  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH ASC. CHECCHI REPORTED WILLINGNESS TO  
REDUCE COST PROPOSAL TO 250,000 DOLLARS AND REQUESTED  
BANK TO COMPARE THIS TO OTHER BANK-FUNDED CHECCHI  
CONTRACTS TO ESTABLISH ITS REASONABLENESS.

CHECCHI WISHES EMBASSY TO TRANSMIT ABOVE INFORMATION  
TO SHIRZAI, AND TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ASC ACCEPTS  
REVISED OFFER OF 250,000 DOLLARS. CHECCHI/SAMAAN MUST  
HAVE RESPONSE BY COB JUNE 27.

IF ASC ACCEPTS 250,000 DOLLARS OFFER, CHECCHI WILL  
PREPARE REVISED CONTRACT AND COST PROPOSAL FOR SHIRZAI  
TO SUBMIT TO ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR APPROVAL. UNQUOTE.

EMBASSY ASSISTANCE MOST APPRECIATED.  
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